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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
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1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for November 13, 2002. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICS, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. OVER 300 KILOS OF HASHISH SEIZED
(Turkiye) Acting on a tip, Hakkari police seized 302.5 kilograms of hashish in 17 bags in Yuksekova (Hakkari). One suspect was arrested; another managed to run away in the dark. In addition, police arrested Ercis (Van) resident Fesih Cengiz, who was about to throw 28 kilograms of hashish in a thrash can. Police later seized another 200 grams of hashish in Cengiz's home.

3. ILLEGALLY IMPORTED CRUDE OIL SEIZED
(Turkiye) Police seized five tons of illegally imported crude oil in Mardin's Kiziltepe township and arrested a suspect.

ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS

4. HILTON SUFFERS
(Bolge) Adana HiltonSa Business Development Director Mustafa Cevizci claimed 750 reservations for November and 3,500 reservations for December had been cancelled due to the Adana Airport's closure to flights (beginning on November 4). However, the closure helped bus companies; Ulusoy Travel Company Adana Regional Director announced a visible increase in the number of passengers, resulting in additional bus services to Ankara and Istanbul.

5. EDUCATION PARK IN DIYARBAKIR
(Hurriyet/Milliyet/Cumhuriyet) The Turkish Education Volunteers Foundation (TEGV) has put into service the Diyarbakir Educational Park, which was constructed by TEGV in Diyarbakir's Baglar district. The park, which cost USD 1 million to build, will provide multi-faceted after-school education to an average of 3,000 children aged 7-16 every year. The Park has multi-purpose halls, volunteer rooms, six classrooms, ceramics and drawing workshops, a library, computer and Internet center rooms and a canteen. TEGV National Vice President Burhan Karacam, TEGV board members, State of Emergency (OHAL) Regional Governor Gokhan Aydiner and Diyarbakir Governor Ahmet Cemil Serhadli attended the inauguration ceremony.
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